## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

## LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An <u>automated</u> method for user review and validation of content comprising the steps of:

displaying said content;

assessing an indication of a state of a user's validation of said content from a set of indications that includes content not reviewed by user, use with caution; content reviewed by user with a positive validation; and content reviewed by user with a negative validation, and displaying an said indication of a state of a user's validation of said content said indication taken from said set, wherein

said state of a user's validation of said content corresponds to:

content not reviewed by user, use with caution; or content reviewed by user with a positive validation; or content reviewed by user with a negative validation.

2. (currently amended) The <u>automated</u> method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising the step of:

receiving user submitted comments to said content, said user submitted comments affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

3. (currently amended) The <u>automated</u> method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising the step of:

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receiving user submitted corrections to said content, said user submitted corrections

affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

4. (currently amended) The <u>automated</u> method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising the step

of:

receiving user submitted validation of said content, said user submitted validation

of content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

5. (currently amended) The automated method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising the step

of:

receiving user submitted validation of comment on said content, said user

submitted validation of said comment on content affecting said indicated state of validation of

said content.

6. (currently amended) The automated method as recited in Claim 1 further comprising the step

of:

receiving user submitted validation of correction to said content, said user

submitted validation of correction of content affecting said

indicated state of validation of said content.

7. (currently amended) The automated method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said indication of

said state of the validation of the content comprises a traffic light icon comprising:

i) a green light indicative of said content being reviewed by a user and

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receiving a user submitted positive validation;

ii) a yellow light indicative of said content not yet reviewed, said content to

be used with caution; and

iii) a red light indicative of said content being reviewed by a user and

receiving a user submitted negative validation.

8. (currently amended) The automated method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said content is

displayed on a web page comprising fields and pull-down menus for enabling the selection of

categories and sub-topics related to said content.

9. (currently amended) The automated method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said content is new

content submitted by a user, said new content subject to said validation.

10. (currently amended) The automated method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said content is a

received user submission of an addition to previously submitted content, said added content is

subject to said validation.

11. (currently amended) The automated method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said content is

pertaining to technical information.

12. (currently amended) A computer system in a computer system network, said computer system

comprising:

a bus;

a display device coupled to said bus;

a memory unit coupled to said bus; and

a processor coupled to said bus, said processor for executing a method for validating content comprising the steps of:

displaying said content;

accessing an indication of a state of a user's validation of said content from a set of indications that includes content not reviewed by user, use with caution; content reviewed by user with a positive validation; and content reviewed by user with a negative validation, and

displaying an said indication of a state of a user's validation of said content said indication taken from said set, wherein said state of a user's validation of said content corresponds to: content not reviewed by user, use with caution; or content reviewed by user with a positive validation; or content reviewed by user with a negative validation.

13. (original) The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said method for validating content further comprises the step of:

receiving user submitted comments to said content, said user submitted comments affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

14. (original) The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said method for validating content further comprising the step of:

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receiving user submitted corrections to said content, user submitted corrections affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

15. (original) The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said method for validating content further comprises the step of:

receiving user submitted validation of said content, said user submitted validation of content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

16. (original) The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said method for validating content further comprises the step of:

receiving user submitted validation of comment on said content, said user submitted validation of said comment on content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

17. (original) The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said method for validating content further comprises the step of:

receiving user submitted validation of correction to said content, said user submitted validation of correction of content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

18. (original) The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said indication of said state of the validation of the content comprises a traffic light icon comprising:

> a green light indicative of said content being reviewed by a user and i)

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receiving a user submitted positive validation;

ii) a yellow light indicative of said content not yet reviewed, said

content to be used with caution; and

iii) a red light indicative of said content being reviewed by a user and

receiving a user submitted negative validation.

19. (original) The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said content is displayed on a web page

comprising fields and pull-down menus for enabling the selection of categories and sub-topics

related to said content.

20. (original) The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said content is received new content

submitted by a user, said new content subject to said validation.

21. (original) The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said content is a received user

submission of an addition to previously submitted content, said added content is subject to said

validation.

22. (original) The computer system of Claim 12 wherein said content is pertaining to technical

information.

23. (currently amended) A computer readable medium for storing computer implemented

instructions, said instructions for causing a computer system to perform content validation

comprising the steps of:

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displaying of said content;

accessing an indication of a state of a user's validation of said content from a set of indications that includes content not reviewed by user, use with caution; content reviewed by user with a positive validation; and content reviewed by user with a negative validation, and

displaying an said indication of a state of a user's validation of said content said indication taken from said set , wherein said state of a user's validation of said content corresponds to: content not reviewed by user, use with caution; or content reviewed by user with a positive validation; or content reviewed by user with a negative validation.

24. (original) The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said computer implemented instructions cause a computer system to perform the step of:

receiving user submitted comments to said content, said user submitted comments affecting said indicated validation.

25. (original) The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said computer implemented instructions cause a computer system to perform the step of:

receiving user submitted correction to said content, said user submitted corrections affecting said indicated validation.

CSCO-85861 Serial No.: 09/752,402 Examiner: Vu, K. Group Art Unit: 2173 26. (original) The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said computer implemented instructions cause a computer system to perform the step of:

receiving user submitted validation of said content, said user submitted validation of content affecting said indicated state of said content.

27. (original) The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said computer implemented instructions cause a computer system to perform the step of:

receiving user submitted validation of comment on said content, said user submitted validation of said comment on said content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

28. (original) The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said computer implemented instructions cause a computer system to perform the step of:

receiving user submitted validation of correction to said content, said user submitted validation of correction to said content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

- 29. (original) The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said indication of said state of content comprises a traffic light icon comprising:
  - i) a green light indicative of said content being reviewed with a positive validation;
    - a yellow light indicative of said content not yet reviewed, said ii)

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content to be used with caution; and

iii) a red light indicative of said content being reviewed with a negative validation.

30. (original) The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said computer implemented

instructions cause a computer system to perform the step of:

displaying said content on a web page comprising fields and pull-down menus for

enabling the selection of categories and sub-topics related to said content.

31. (original) The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said content is received new

content submitted by a user, said new content subject to said validation.

32. (original) The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said content is a received user

submitted addition to previously submitted content, said user submitted addition to previously

submitted content subject to said validation.

33. (original) The computer readable medium of Claim 23 wherein said content is pertaining to a

technical guide.

34. (currently amended) A system for validating content, said system comprises:

a means for displaying said content;

a means for accessing an indication of a state of a user's validation of said content

from a set of indications that includes content not reviewed by user, use with

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caution; content reviewed by user with a positive validation; and content reviewed

by user with a negative validation, and

a means for displaying an said indication of a state of a user's validation of

said content said indication taken from said set, wherein

said state of a user's validation of said content corresponds to:

content not reviewed by user, use with caution; or

content reviewed by user with a positive validation;

or content reviewed by user with a negative validation.

35. (original) The system of Claim 12 further comprises the means for receiving user

submitted comments to said content, said user submitted comments to content affecting said

indicated state of validation of said content.

36. (original) The system of Claim 12 further comprises the means for receiving user submitted

corrections to said content, said user submitted corrections to content affecting said indicated

state of validation of said content.

37. (original) The system of Claim 12 further comprises the means for receiving user submitted

validation of said content, said user submitted validation of content affecting said indicated state

of validation of said content.

38. (original) The system of Claim 12 further comprises the means for receiving user

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submitted validation of comment on said content, said user submitted validation of said comment on content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

39. (original) The system of Claim 12 further comprises the means for receiving user submitted validation of correction to said content, said user submitted validation of correction of content affecting said indicated state of validation of said content.

40. (original) The system of Claim 12 wherein said indication of said state of content comprises an traffic light icon comprising:

- i) a green light indicative of said content being reviewed by a user and receiving a user submitted positive validation;
- ii) a yellow light indicative of said content not yet reviewed, said content to be used with caution; and
- a red light indicative of said content being reviewed by a user and iii) receiving a user submitted negative validation.
- 41. (original) The system of Claim 12 wherein said content is displayed on a web page comprising fields and pull-down menus adapted to provide a selection of categories and subtopics related to said content.
- 42. (original) The system of Claim 12 wherein said content is received new content submitted by a user, said received new content subject to said validation.

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44. (original) The system of Claim 34 wherein said content is pertaining to a technical guide.

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